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PERSONAL FOR EA/ANP AMBASSADOR GREEN

1. I HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT, DESPITE DEPOIX' AGREEMENT WITH OUR REORGANIZATION PROGRAM, THE ORIGINAL DIA NOMINEE AS DEFENSE ATTACHE TO REPLACE WITT (COL ROGER NUNEMAKER) IS STILL BEING PROCESSED FOR ARRIVAL HERE EARLY NEXT SPRING. WE HAD ASKED DIA TO HOLD THIS UP IN CANBERRA 2124 OF APRIL 9, SINCE WE PROPOSED ALONG WITH CINCPAC THAT DETOUR REPLACE WITT AND MERGE THE TWO POSITIONS AS A SINGLE US DEFREP. AFTER YOUR SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH DEPOIX I HAD ASSUMED DIA WOULD CANCEL COL NUNEMAKER. LAWSON MOYER OF INR WAS INFORMED OF OUR POSITION BY LETTER OF APRIL 11.

2. NUNEMAKER IS JUNIOR TO DETOUR. HIS PRESENCE WOULD PROBABLY MAKE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR REFORM IMPOSSIBLE DURING HIS (AND YOUR) TIME HERE. IF DIA IS CONCERNED ABOUT COVERING POSITION IN CASE OF DELAY IN NAMING DETOUR, IT WOULD BE BETTER TO EXTEND WITT UNTIL REORGANIZATION IS EFFECTED.

3. HOPE YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO DISCUSS THIS

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WITH DIA. WE ARE CLOSE TO ACCOMPLISHING A MORE

RATIONAL STRUCTURE WHICH SEEMS INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT
AS POLITICAL ATTITUDES CONTINUE TO EVOLVE IN AUSTRALIA.
U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE ASIDE FROM FACILITIES COULD
WELL BECOME A SENATOR BROWN-SORT-OF ISSUE IN NEXT
YEAR OR TWO.
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